

HOUSE No. 608

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, petition of Kevin J. Murphy relative to further regulating abuse prevention orders and records. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING ABUSE PREVENTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The third paragraph of section 3 of chapter 209A,
2 as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition of the General Laws, is
3 hereby amended by adding the following:— Prior to granting
4 relief under this chapter, the court shall hold an evidentiary
5 hearing that shall be conducted pursuant to the Massachusetts
6 Rules of Evidence.

1 SECTION 2. The third paragraph of section 7 of said
2 chapter 209A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following:— Upon the termination or expiration of any order
4 granted under this chapter, and provided there has been no viola-
5 tion of said order by the defendant during its pendency, the record
6 of the proceedings shall be expunged from the defendant's record
7 and from the statewide domestic violence record keeping system.